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Craig Firsdon Overcomes Accident with Negligent Mobility Driver



Craig Firsdon uses a wheelchair due to complications from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. On July 28, 2021, Craig was severely injured while riding in a handicap-accessible van that was transporting him and his mother from their home to the Toledo Zoo. Craig was excited and looking forward to the trip as this was his first outing since the pandemic. However, the horrific events that transpired thereafter left him traumatized and in excruciating pain.

During the litigation phase, it was discovered that the driver of the van was not the same person that the company disclosed them to be, and furthermore, the driver was not properly trained to drive the transport vehicle. Ultimately, our client was not properly secured in the van by the untrained driver, and when he made a sharp right turn, Craig was thrown out of his wheelchair and impaled in the left leg by a sharp metal object inside the van. In fact, the transport company policy states, "passengers with disabilities and/or in a wheelchair must be assisted in wearing seatbelt/shoulder harness and their wheelchair secured with four-point tie-downs."

Immediately after the injury, Craig presented to the University of Toledo Medical Center, where he was admitted and treated by the trauma team and consulted by vascular surgery. While in the hospital, he got an infection in his leg and underwent surgery. Craig spent two weeks in the hospital before being discharged to his home. The wound with subsequent infection took almost eight months to completely close. Due to his open wound, Craig underwent an extended and

painful recovery process that involved home health visits to care for the wound, along with medication supplied via pump to lessen his agonizing pain.

Craig's injuries caused him immeasurable pain and suffering for a prolonged period of time and prevented him from engaging in the leisure activities that previously brought joy to his life. Charles Boyk said "Craig is a remarkable person. He has overcome a great deal of hardship in his life. He is highly intelligent and is a tremendous poet!" Craig also experienced significant anxiety related to the incident, particularly concerning riding in a transport vehicle. Fortunately, Craig has a good family support system that was able to assist him in his recovery process.

Boyk Law recovered a sizeable settlement for Craig. As a result, he plans to purchase his own van so he will no longer be dependent on unreliable and unsafe medical transport companies. Craig said, "After everything, I will no longer have to worry about the anxiety and worry every time I ride in a transportation vehicle. My life will be easier, all thanks to the Charles Boyk Law Office."

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Toledo Farmers' Market Is A Holiday Shopping Alternative

The holiday season is chock-full of traditions, like the gathering of family and the preparation and consumption of delicious food. However, one thing most people don't enjoy is shopping before preparing their holiday meal.

One alternative is to create a unique shopping experience and reap the benefits of our local farmers' bountiful harvests. Instead of drudging through the overcrowded supermarket, consider visiting the Toledo Farmers' Market.

The Farmers' Market is a unique part of the history of the City of Toledo. The Toledo

combined indoor wholesale market and an exhibition hall. Vendor stalls were placed behind the building on land near Swan Creek for a Farmers' Market.

US representative Marcy Kaptur and her parents were weekly shoppers at the Farmers' Market. She helped secure funding to upgrade the aging market facilities. The farmers at the Market formed the Farmers' Market Association of Toledo, an agricultural co-op, as a governing body. The City of Toledo then decided to lease the Market to the Farmers' Market Association.

Farmers' Market began in 1832 when many area farmers needed a place to sell their produce, and the community needed a centrally located place to shop. The Market started on Monroe, Superior, and Washington Streets at the current location of Fifth Third Field.

In 1928, a building on Erie Street was remodeled to function as a



Toledo Farmer's Market 1960's

Today, the Farmers' Market is alive and well. It features regular vendor stalls, an onsite office, and handicapped-accessible restrooms. Vendor stalls are enclosed during colder months, so shoppers are protected from the weather, and free parking is available at multiple lots or on the surrounding streets. Produce is still a mainstay of the Market, but now you can find bread, baked good, plants and flowers, herbs, meat, dairy products, and much more. Check the vendor's page for more information on what the various vendors have for sale.

The Toledo Farmers' Market is located at 525 Market St. and is open on Saturdays year-round. Their Winter Market Hours are Saturdays from 9 am – 1 pm (Dec - April). A list of Vendors is available on the market's website (<https://www.toledofarmersmarket.com/vendors>), with many of them accepting pre-orders for pick-up each Saturday.

holiday events calendar

TOLEDO, OH

- Toledo Craftsman's Guild Winter Festival of Crafts – Dec. 11 - Franciscan Theatre and Conference Center
- Lights Before Christmas @ Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, Nov. 18 – Dec. 31, 2022. More Information at www.toledozoo.org/lights
- Metroparks Toledo Holidays at the Manor House - Dec. 1-16 at Wildwood Preserve | free admission open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **VISIT WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS**
Wildwood East Entrance, Wildwood Ward Pavilion, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Wildwood Preserve, Ward Pavilion (east entrance). For more information, visit metroparkstoledo.com

SWANTON, OH

- Christmas in Swanton 2022 Parade at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 3
- Craft Show 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Swanton High School

MAUMEE, OH

- Maumee Holiday Light Parade – Sun., Nov. 27, 6-8 p.m.

LIMA, OH

- ONU Holiday Spectacular – Lima Civic & Convention Center – Dec. 2 – 4

FREMONT, OH

- Fremont Holiday Parade 2022 - Sat. Dec. 3 6pm – 7 p.m. - Fremont, OH

VILLAGE OF WEST UNITY

- Christmas in the Park Drive Through Light Display – Memorial Park - Nov. 24, 2022 - Jan. 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m. until 10 p.m., seven days a week

FINDLAY, OH

- Christmas Open House, Sat., Dec. 3, 5-8 p.m. & Sun., Dec. 4, 1-4 p.m. Hancock History Museum
- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – Nov. 25, Dorneyand Plaza, Findlay 6:30 p.m.
- Kiwanis Santa's House - St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 120 W. Sandusky Street, Findlay, OH 45840

DEFIANCE, OH

- Welcome Santa into Downtown Defiance! Friday, Dec. 3rd at the Defiance Public Library Downtown Businesses are open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. www.visitdefianceohio.com/santa-claus-is-coming-to-town

SALINE, MI

- Annual Saline Tree Lighting Ceremony - Nov. 29, @ 6 p.m.
- 47th Annual Saline Holiday Parade - Sat., Dec. 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

Curbing Pet Stress & Food Dangers During The Holidays

—from Dr. Caroline Stark, Associate Veterinarian at VCA Holly Farms Animal Hospital



The holiday season can be fun and exciting for pets, just as it is with their humans. This time of year can also bring a lot of stress for our canine companions, which can lead to unwanted and abnormal behaviors. It is important to think and plan ahead to make holiday events safe for your pets and guests.

If you plan to host a holiday event, consider your pup's demeanor. If they are shy or anxious around visitors, avoid situations where they can feel threatened. Create a sanctuary or safe space for your pet away from the hustle and bustle. Equip it with a bed, water, toys, and calming music. Have this area ready days before the event so your pet can acclimate.

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RECIPE:

Grandma Strance's Marshmallow & Streusel Sweet Potato Casserole

My grandmother was from South Carolina, where sweet potato casserole with pecan streusel is not only a Thanksgiving staple but a major food group. Below is the recipe she made for me.

INGREDIENTS:

Sweet Potato Mixture

- 3 pounds sweet potatoes (about 4 large or 8 small), peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup milk

Topping

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup pecans, coarsely chopped
- 2-3 cups mini marshmallows (or more if desired)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Sweet Potato Mixture Directions:

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a 2 or 2 1/2 quart casserole dish (preferably a rectangle or oval so there's a decent surface area for the topping; I use an 8x11 cake pan which is also an option) and set aside.

Place the sweet potatoes in a large pot, cover with water, and boil until tender (about 7 minutes, depending on the size). Drain well and return to the pot. Add butter, milk, cinnamon, brown sugar, nutmeg, and salt to the potatoes and mash until smooth. Use a hand mixer, if desired, to make them extra smooth. Taste the



potatoes and add additional seasonings, if desired. Transfer the mashed potatoes to the prepared casserole dish. Place in the oven until heated for 12-16 minutes. While the sweet potatoes are heating, prepare the topping.

Topping Directions: In a medium bowl, combine butter, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, and salt (I use a fork or rubber spatula to stir and mash the mixture), then mix in pecans. Instead of chopping pecans, I place them in a plastic sandwich bag and smash them into small, even pieces.

Remove the sweet potatoes from the oven. Top with half the marshmallows, then sprinkle half the streusel over the marshmallows. Top with the other half of the marshmallows and sprinkle the remaining streusel over the top.

Place back into the oven for 8-15 minutes, until the topping is bubbly and golden brown (keep an eye on it, so the marshmallows don't burn). You can also place it under the broiler briefly to add more color to the marshmallows. Note: the longer it is in the oven, the more likely the marshmallows will begin to melt. Allow to sit at room temperature for several minutes before serving.

CASES OF INTEREST: NOVEMBER 2022

Bicyclist Hit by Motor Vehicle While Crossing Driveway

Our client was riding his bicycle on a sidewalk along Fremont Pike. As he crossed a driveway, a vehicle made a left turn into the drive and struck our client. Our client was knocked off his bike and was left unconscious. EMS transported him to the hospital, where he stayed for six days. He was diagnosed with a closed head injury, multiple fractures in his leg, and a fractured pelvis. Following his stay in the hospital, he was transferred to a rehabilitation home. He is still undergoing treatment for his injuries and is facing a long road to recovery.

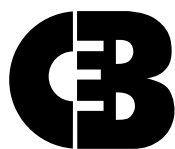
Intersection Accident

Our client was traveling northwest on Slabtown Road in Bath Township, Ohio. As he entered the intersection of Slabtown Road and State Road, a commercial truck ran the stop sign and entered into our client's path of travel. The vehicles collided while our client was traveling at approximately 40 miles per hour. Emergency services transported our client to the hospital, where he was admitted for five days. It was discovered that he suffered a T-12 compression fracture and multiple cuts and bruises. He is treating with a neurosurgeon for his injuries.

T-bone Accident While Traveling in a Funeral Procession

Our client was traveling in a funeral procession with her flashers activated and a flag atop her car. As she traveled through an intersection, a commercial vehicle came hurtling from her left and smashed into the driver's side of her vehicle. Due to the impact, she suffered multiple injuries, including a fractured tibia. She underwent surgery and is now recovering. Our office is challenging a liability dispute and helping our client get the recovery she deserves.





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November's Raving Fan of the Month

"I am not the savviest person when it comes to legal matters. I have heard a lot of horror stories about being overcharged by other firms from friends of mine. I had a small matter I needed to handle, and the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices were fair and handled my case without incident. I would highly recommend them to all of my friends and family!!"

—Jim B.

Have a positive review to share? Go to boykreviews.com to tell us about your experience!

Curbing Pet Stress & Food Dangers During The Holidays

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Have an honest conversation with your guests ahead of time. Let them know that your pets will be a part of the festivities and discuss any concerns before they arrive. No pet should be left unsupervised around young children, especially during the noise and excitement of a holiday gathering. Be careful with resources like toys, food, and water. Dogs can feel threatened near these items.

There are various pet calming products on the market, which may help with large gatherings, separation anxiety, and loud noises like thunder. Try these products before your holiday event to check their effectiveness. Zylkene capsules (Vetoquinol) and Composure Pro (Vetriscience) chews are only some of the options available for pets without a prescription from most pet stores or online vendors like Chewy or Amazon.

If you're deeply concerned by past behavior, another option to consider is boarding your pet. The Pet Lodge at VCA Holly Farms in Toledo and other boarding facilities have holiday hours. You should consider how your pet responds to the presence of other dogs to

determine if this is the best choice. Investigate options and make reservations early because of limited capacity. Most boarding facilities also require a recent health screening and up-to-date vaccination status.

Holiday foods can pose a significant danger to our pets. Avoid offering foods that are high in grease, butter, and sugary desserts. Dogs have a sensitive pancreas, which can flare up after a meal high in dairy or oils, causing significant digestive upset. Boneless and skinless pieces of turkey in moderation should be ok, but a better option would be to skip feeding any human food.

If your pet needs medical attention during the holidays, MedVet in Toledo and Veterinary Emergency Center in Maumee have holiday hours. Make a note of the location and contact information of the nearest emergency clinic.

Check our website vcahospitals.com/holly-farms for additional tips from Dr. Stark to ensure you and your pets have a safe and happy holiday season!

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